

## NWT Labour Force Activity

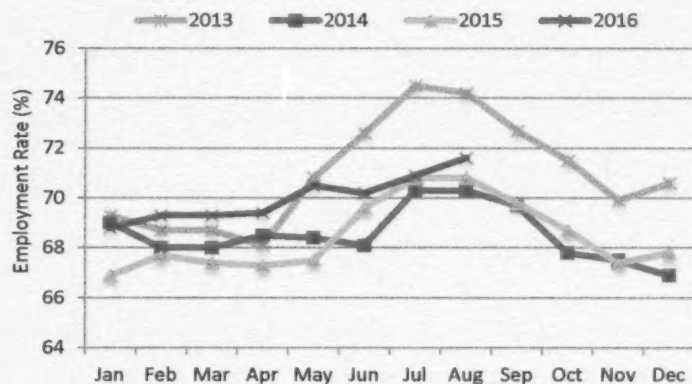
August 2016

### OVERVIEW

In August 2016, Statistics Canada estimated that 23,400 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories (NWT). This represents an employment rate of 71.6%. The August employment rate was the second highest in Canada, followed by Alberta at 66.8%. Yukon's employment rate was the highest (73.9%), while nationally Canada's employment rate was 61.9%. Since August 2015, the number of people employed in the NWT increased by 4.0% or 900 persons.

Table 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories

|                        | August-2016 | July-2016 | August-2015 | Changes from<br>Aug 2015 - Aug 2016 |      |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------|
|                        |             |           |             | Number                              | %    |
| Population 15+         | 32,700      | 32,600    | 31,800      | 900                                 | 2.8  |
| Labour force           | 25,300      | 25,100    | 24,500      | 800                                 | 3.3  |
| Employment             | 23,400      | 23,100    | 22,500      | 900                                 | 4.0  |
| Full-time              | 20,800      | 20,100    | 19,800      | 1,000                               | 5.1  |
| Part-time              | 2,600       | 2,900     | 2,700       | (100)                               | -3.7 |
| Unemployment           | 1,900       | 2,100     | 2,000       | (100)                               | -5.0 |
| Participation rate (%) | 77.4        | 77.0      | 77.0        |                                     |      |
| Unemployment rate (%)  | 7.5         | 8.4       | 8.2         |                                     |      |
| Employment rate (%)    | 71.6        | 70.9      | 70.8        |                                     |      |

Figure 1: Monthly Employment Rates  
Northwest Territories, 2013 - 2016


Between July and August 2016, the NWT employment rate rose 0.7 percentage points and was the highest rate for August since 2013 (Figure 1). The month over month employment rate increase likely reflects the peak of the seasonal summer employment.

## EMPLOYMENT RATES BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Between August 2015 and August 2016, the employment rate decreased by 2.5 percentage points in Yellowknife and increased 3.5 points in the rest of the territory. Over the same period, the employment rate rose by 0.2 percentage points for males and increased by 1.2 points for females (Figure 2 and Figure 3).

Figure 2: Employment Rates by Geography, August 2015 - August 2016

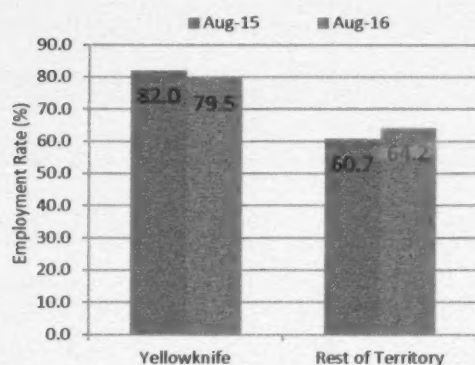
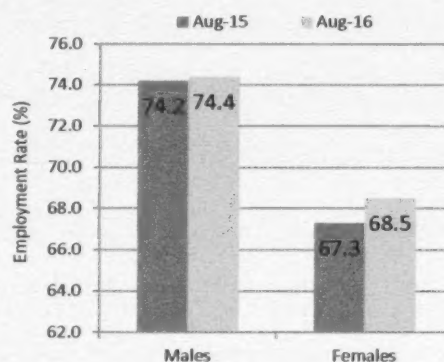


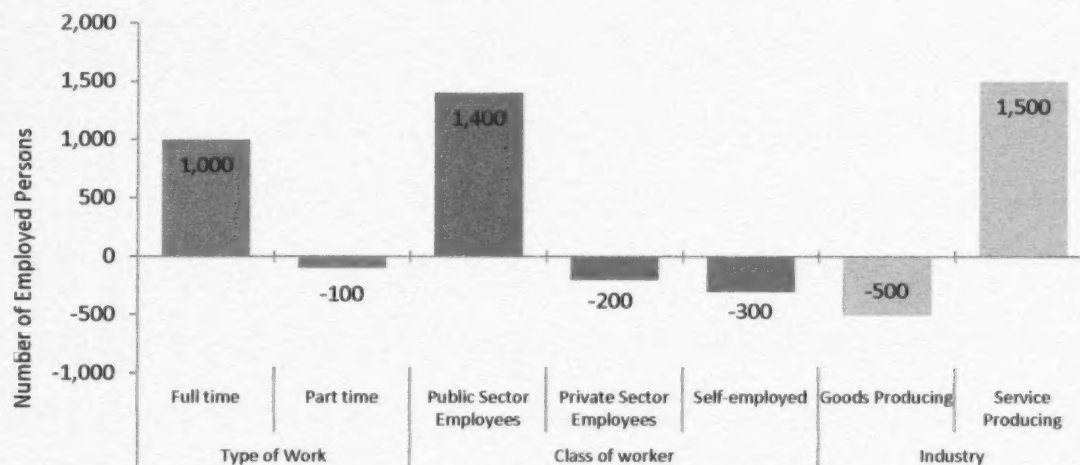
Figure 3: Employment Rates by Sex, August 2015 - August 2016



## EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF WORKER, CLASS OF WORKER & INDUSTRY

Compared to August 2015, the majority of the job growth was in full time public sector jobs (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Changes in the Number of Employed Persons from Previous Year



## HISTORICAL LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY

Table 2: Labour Force Activity - Northwest Territories

|        | Population<br>15 & Over | Labour<br>Force | Employed | Unem-<br>ployed | Not in the<br>Labour<br>Force | Partic-<br>ipation<br>Rate | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>Rate | Employ-<br>ment<br>Rate |
|--------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Aug-16 | 32,700                  | 25,300          | 23,400   | 1,900           | 7,400                         | 77.4                       | 7.5                       | 71.6                    |
| Jul-16 | 32,600                  | 25,100          | 23,100   | 2,100           | 7,500                         | 77.0                       | 8.4                       | 70.9                    |
| Jun-16 | 32,600                  | 24,900          | 22,900   | 2,000           | 7,600                         | 76.4                       | 8.0                       | 70.2                    |
| May-16 | 32,500                  | 24,600          | 22,900   | 1,700           | 7,900                         | 75.7                       | 6.9                       | 70.5                    |
| Apr-16 | 32,400                  | 24,100          | 22,500   | 1,600           | 8,200                         | 74.4                       | 6.6                       | 69.4                    |
| Mar-16 | 32,300                  | 24,200          | 22,400   | 1,800           | 8,000                         | 74.9                       | 7.4                       | 69.3                    |
| Feb-16 | 32,200                  | 24,400          | 22,300   | 2,100           | 7,800                         | 75.8                       | 8.6                       | 69.2                    |
| Jan-16 | 32,100                  | 24,400          | 22,100   | 2,300           | 7,600                         | 76.0                       | 9.4                       | 68.8                    |
| Dec-15 | 32,000                  | 24,100          | 21,700   | 2,400           | 7,900                         | 75.3                       | 10.0                      | 67.8                    |
| Nov-15 | 31,900                  | 24,000          | 21,500   | 2,500           | 8,000                         | 75.2                       | 10.4                      | 67.4                    |
| Oct-15 | 31,900                  | 24,100          | 21,900   | 2,200           | 7,700                         | 75.5                       | 9.1                       | 68.7                    |
| Sep-15 | 31,800                  | 24,300          | 22,200   | 2,100           | 7,500                         | 76.4                       | 8.6                       | 69.8                    |

### Previous Years:

|        |        |        |        |       |       |      |     |      |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|
| Aug-15 | 31,800 | 24,500 | 22,500 | 2,000 | 7,300 | 77.0 | 8.2 | 70.8 |
| Aug-14 | 32,300 | 24,600 | 22,700 | 1,900 | 7,700 | 76.2 | 7.7 | 70.3 |
| Aug-13 | 32,600 | 26,100 | 24,200 | 2,000 | 6,400 | 80.1 | 7.7 | 74.2 |
| Aug-12 | 32,500 | 26,100 | 23,800 | 2,300 | 6,300 | 80.3 | 8.8 | 73.2 |
| Aug-11 | 32,400 | 26,100 | 23,900 | 2,200 | 6,300 | 80.6 | 8.4 | 73.8 |
| Aug-10 | 32,100 | 24,200 | 22,300 | 1,900 | 7,900 | 75.4 | 7.9 | 69.5 |
| Aug-09 | 31,800 | 23,100 | 21,500 | 1,600 | 8,600 | 72.6 | 6.9 | 67.6 |
| Aug-08 | 31,800 | 24,600 | 23,100 | 1,400 | 7,200 | 77.4 | 5.7 | 72.6 |
| Aug-07 | 31,600 | 25,200 | 23,600 | 1,600 | 6,400 | 79.7 | 6.3 | 74.7 |
| Aug-06 | 31,200 | 24,900 | 23,500 | 1,400 | 6,400 | 79.8 | 5.6 | 75.3 |

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national Labour Force Survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

For additional information on the monthly release of labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca/> or call 1-888-782-8768 (1-888-STATSNT).

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